

To: Test Coordinators and Superintendents
From: Margo Healy, OSBE
RE: Test Coordinators' Update
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Test Window Closed Friday at 3:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Despite our best efforts to notify you about the closing time, one district got caught!
We will continue to work on communication.

Score Report Webinars by DRC for ISAT Spring 2008

86 districts registered already!

We have 5 webinars scheduled during the next 2 weeks. If you haven't registered yet, please do so. I encourage you to gather a representative team of teachers from each content area or grade-level in your schools and participate in this training opportunity together.

Statewide Assessment Committee and Survey

Thank you all for your help in getting educators online to take the survey. We got a representative sample from the random group and an additional 1200 volunteers. The input will be very helpful as we consider changes to the Comprehensive Assessment System. I hope to have the final report on the survey posted on the OSBE website by July 1, 2008. The committee met April 30 and made recommendations to Superintendent Luna and Board Member Richard Westerberg. I will let you know when the assessments are put on the board agenda. Hopefully the discussions can begin in June.

Collaboration and Training for Test Coordinators

As the window closes and the telephone calls and emails subside, I am looking ahead to the next test administrations. Summer Graduation Retest comes in July. Fall is easier than Spring—no accountability attached! No participation rates tracked. The test is adaptive with no extender and the window is a bit longer. Security remains a concern because we use live test items!

I am looking for your input to help planning for trainings for test coordinators.

As I review the questions, concerns and comments there are some big ideas that rise to the top. Some coordinators have responsibility for testing, accountability and graduation requirements. (Graduation requirements training needs will be handed off to the K-12 officer and the SDE)

- Regarding **ISAT**: test security and reactivation procedures, accommodations, invalidations, parent support, IAA data entry, accommodated versions of ISAT, banking graduation proficiency, prepared training for you to use with proctors
- Regarding **Accountability**: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), full year enrollment, participation, n=34 (LEP1, LEPX1, LEPX2, SPEX1, SPEX2), appeals and appeals process, Safe Harbor
- Regarding **Graduation**: Science ISAT, Alternate Path to Graduation, banking proficiency, retest opportunities, application of phase-in allowance on ISAT for 06 and 07, increased graduation requirements

Please let me know if you want topics added to the lists.

Timelines and Deadlines

June 13 "All Student" Scores available to schools and districts on secure website on June 13.

June 18 Appeals Window opens June 18.

June 20 "All Student" Scores, by school, district and state, released to public on OSBE website. We have delayed this release for 1 week for your convenience in reviewing your data before the media calls you for comment.

July 21 Final AYP posted on OSBE Website